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	10/519,064	LINNARTZ ET AL.
	Examiner Edward Raymond	Art Unit 2857

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20041222.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Craven et al.**

Craven et al. teach a method of processing a signal using a digital signal processor having a given word length (Claim 1: see paragraph 154), the method comprising the step of pre-processing the signal using a pre-processor which reduces the word length (Claim 1: see paragraph 155) and performs an operation which is invariant with respect to the process being performed by the digital signal processor (Claim 1: see paragraph 155).

Craven et al. teach a method wherein the process being performed by the digital signal processor is watermark detection (Claim 2: see paragraph 152: The Examiner notes that the encoding step is equivalent to a watermark), and the pre-processor is a high-pass filter (Claim 2: see paragraph 452: The Examiner notes that the decoding filters perform the function of a high-pass filter in the reference).

Craven et al. teach a method of processing a signal received in the form of signal samples having a range of sample values (Claims 3 and 4: see paragraph 190), the method comprising the steps of filtering the signal to reduce the range of signal sample

values in a given band of non-interest (Claims 3 and 4: see paragraph 189), and digitally processing the filtered signal using integer arithmetic (Claims 3 and 4: see paragraph 176).

Craven et al. teach a processor wherein the digital processing circuit comprises a transform circuit for transforming the signal into frequency coefficients (Claim 5: see paragraph 191).

Craven et al. teach a processor wherein the correlation circuit includes a Fourier transform circuit for computing the correlation for a plurality of shifts between the signal and the predetermined watermark pattern (Claim 6: see paragraphs 191 and 412: The Examiner notes that the correlation matrix computes the correlation between the signal and the encoded signal).

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Raymond whose telephone number is 571-272-2221. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc Hoff can be reached on 571-272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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